

Invasive Vines Killing Local Trees

Several species of aggressive invasive vines are spreading rapidly throughout Watchung, threatening our trees and shrubs. These fast-growing vines will climb up trees and eventually kill them. We must act now to prevent continued growth. While it may be hard to see the vines from this photo, chances are if the trees by your home look like these, there are probably some vines strangling it. To stop the growth, RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CUT the vines at their base. The vines should be cut a second time an inch or two above the first cut to prevent the pieces from fusing back together. GLOVES SHOULD BE WORN TO LIMIT CONTACT WITH THESE VINES.

Would you like more information and be able to see some examples first hand? Join our local expert Jim Schlenker and Environmental Commission member Karen Pennett who will guide interested residents on a short walk (15 minutes) on Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 am. Please meet at the ball field at Phillips Field – no registration required. For additional information, contact Karen Pennett at KPennett@optimum.net.



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